

of men; O *Soma*^ reioicmg with
thy protecting
powers,¹ "guard us from behind and
before.

ANUVAKA VII.

ASHTAKA VI. CONTINUED.

ADHYAYA IV. CONTINUED.

StfKTA L (LX.)²

The deity is AG-NI; the *Rishi* is BHA.RGA the son of
PEA.GATHA.;
the metre is *Prdgatha*.

1. A<3OT, come hither with the fires,
we choose
xxxii. invoking priest ; let the
presented offer-
ing anoint thee, the chief saerificer,³ to
sit down on
the sacred gtass.

¹ Sayana, as often elsewhere (cf. i. 84. 20),
understands by
utayah the Maruts as *gantdrah (ava gatau}*.

*The MSS. of the Rjg-Yeda insert between the last
hymn and
the present one the eleven apparently spurious
hymns called the
Yalakhilya, containing vargas xiv.— xxxi. They are
not reckoned
in the division by Mandalas and Anuvakas (thus
Sayana says,
p. 614, " there are six *siiktas* in the sixth
Anuvaka"), but they
are included in that by Ashtakas and Adhyayas,
and in the
Sarvanukrama. Professor Aufrecht has omitted them
in his edition
of the Rig-Yeda, and given them in the Appendix ;
and Sayana
takes jio notice of them in his commentary. I
have omitted
them in my translation, just as Professor Wilson
omitted the
various EMLas in the previous Mandalas ; but it is
important to
bear in mind that they are never included in the
collections of
Parisishtas and Khilas (see Professor Mailer's
translation, vol. i.

p. xxxiv). I propose to attempt a translation of
these hymns
in the Appendix.-

³ Sama Veda, II. 7. 2. 7. 1.